

northern California. His contribution to the literature of vertebrate zoölogy is represented by the impressive total of about 160 separate papers.

In 1927, having reached the age of 70, Mr. Mailliard retired from the active curatorship of the department and was appointed Curator Emeritus. His retirement, however, meant only a withdrawal from executive responsibilities. He remained active in the curatorial work of the department until well past eighty, and only gradually and reluctantly gave it up as failing strength increasingly confined him to his home.

The interests and the influence of Joseph Mailliard extended far beyond the confines of his particular field. He devoted much attention to the public exhibits in the museum, to the degree that members of the Department of Exhibits constantly sought his judgment and indeed almost regarded him as an ex officio member of that department. He also gave much thought to the public relations of the institution, its financial support, and its place in the community. There was nothing that concerned the Academy that was not also a concern of his. His friendly presence and helpful counsel will be greatly missed.

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APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given to all Corporate Members that the Council at its meeting, December 20, 1945, approved the applications of Mr. Edward C. Fickert and Mr. Lawrence W. Saylor for MEMBERSHIP, and of Mr. Peter Bison, Miss Bethel Bonny, Miss Alice Braathen, Mr. Dean Carl, Mr. Anthony Del Carlo, Miss Elizabeth Congdon, Mr. Edward S. Douglas, Mr. Robert Forderhase, Mr. Don Gilzean, Mr. Ernie Hansen, Mr. Brun Imberg, Miss Arlee James, Miss Beverly Pawley, Miss Ruth Perkins, Mr. Charles Sabin, Miss Maryan Stuckey, Miss Nancy West, Mr. Christian Andrew Wilder, Jr., and Mr. Wallace Wood, Jr., for STUDENT MEMBERSHIP in the California Academy of Sciences. If no objection to the election of these applicants be received at the office of the Academy within two weeks after December 28, they will be considered elected.

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DR. PETTINGILL TO GIVE JANUARY SCAIFE LECTURE

ON MONDAY evening, January 21, Dr. Olin Sewall Pettingill will give a lecture on the subject, "Wildlife in Action," illustrated with spectacular motion pictures of American birds and animals in natural color. The lecture will be held in the Auditorium of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 245 Market Street, at 8:00 o'clock.

Dr. Pettingill, one of the country's finest outdoor photographers, traveled 20,000 miles in four years and exposed six miles of film securing the beautiful wildlife studies from which these are selected.

This, one of the Academy's series of lectures on the Walter B. Scaife Foundation, is presented through arrangement with the National Audubon Society, which is sponsoring Dr. Pettingill's tour. The public is cordially invited.

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January Announcement

THE REGULAR JANUARY MEETING of the California Academy of Sciences will be held in the Assembly Room (third floor) of the San Francisco Public Library on Wednesday evening, January 2, 1946, at 7:30 o'clock. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. Walter W. Bradley, California State Mineralogist, who will take as his subject:

CALIFORNIA'S MINERAL RESOURCES

MR. BRADLEY, who for more than twenty years has been the executive officer of the Division of Mines of the State of California, is unusually qualified to discuss this topic. His lecture will be finely illustrated with Kodachrome slides prepared from his own photographs. The public is cordially invited to this authoritative discussion of California's mineral wealth.

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LECTURE ON MEXICO'S VOLCANO PARICUTIN

ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 9, Dr. Parker D. Trask, Professor of Geology in the University of Wisconsin, will lecture in Room 214 Simson African Hall, at 2:30 o'clock, on the subject, "Mexico and Its Volcano Paricutin." Dr. Trask, who has visited and studied this extraordinary volcano, which suddenly sprang up in a bewildered farmer's field and rose to the height of a good-sized mountain, devastating homes and villages as it grew, will illustrate his lecture with slides in Kodachrome.

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JOSEPH MAILLIARD

1857-1945

JOSEPH MAILLIARD, Emeritus Curator of the Department of Ornithology and Mammalogy in the California Academy of Sciences, and a member of the Academy since 1897, died at his home in San Francisco on December 12, 1945, in his eighty-eighth year.

Born in Bordentown, New Jersey, on December 30, 1857, Joseph Mailliard came west with his parents when ten years of age. Settling in Marin County, the family lived in San Rafael for several years until a new home was completed on the Rancho San Geronimo, eight miles west of San Rafael, in 1873.

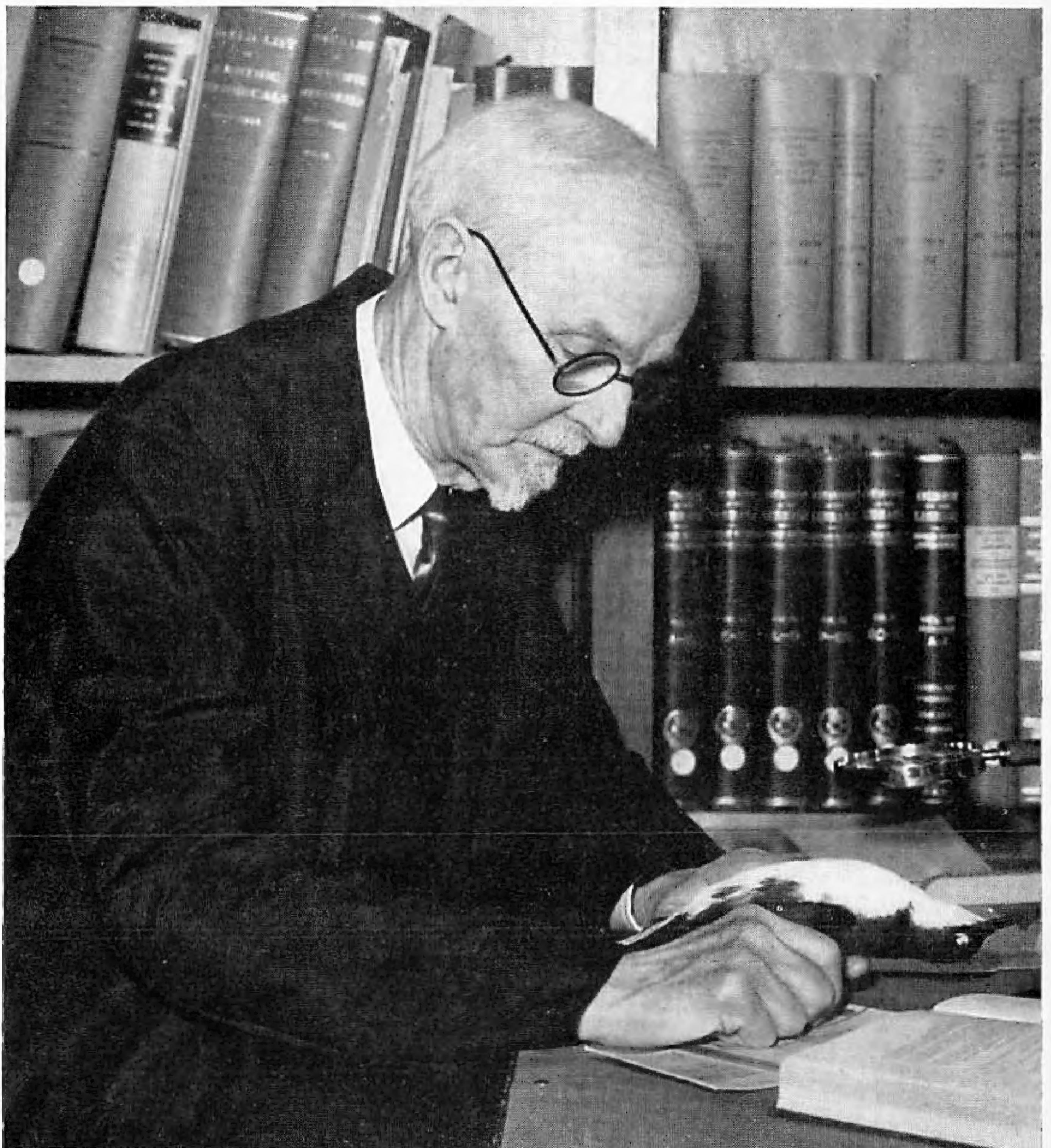
Life on a ranch provided an ideal setting for the development of an interest in natural history. Joseph and his brother, John Ward Mailliard, both became keenly interested in collecting. From Charles A. Allen, who lived on Rancho San Geronimo and collected specimens to sell to eastern collectors and museums, they learned how to prepare bird skins and how to make and care for a scientific collection of birds, nests and eggs. The interest developed at this time proved permanent, and the two brothers worked together on a collection of increasing scientific value, which ultimately grew to about 10,000 specimens of birds, a somewhat larger number of eggs, and several hundred nests.

Joseph Mailliard entered the University of California in 1878 but withdrew after a time because of unsatisfactory health, and subsequently engaged in business and ranching.

To an entertaining and gratifying degree, Joseph Mailliard the rancher combined his vocation with his avocation. Not content with his own opportunities for natural history investigation, he trained his cowboys to observe and collect; and while it is not recorded that any of them developed into scientists, some of them did become very keen and competent collectors.

As time went on, Mr. Mailliard devoted himself more and more to ornithological pursuits. A trip to Alaska in 1896 and to Chile in 1902 added greatly to the Mailliard collection of birds and eggs, although specimens taken on the latter trip were deposited at the California Academy of Sciences and unfortunately were destroyed in the San Francisco fire of 1906.

In 1918, soon after the Academy had moved into a new and fireproof building in Golden Gate Park, the Mailliard brothers decided to donate their entire collection to the Academy. In 1919 Joseph Mailliard was appointed Honorary Curator of the Department of Ornithology and Mammalogy, a position which soon developed into that of active Curator. Thus at length, at the age of 62, Mr. Mailliard found himself in a position to devote his full time to his lifelong interest. With an energy and enthusiasm that would have been unusual in a man thirty years his junior, he entered upon his new assignment, camping out for weeks at a time on his extensive field trips, caring meticulously for the collections in his charge, and contributing steadily to scientific journals. Among his notable faunal reports may be mentioned those on the Modoc, Plumas, and inner Coast Range regions of



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